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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/030,167  
Applicant : HERTER  
Filed : Apr. 15, 2002  
Title : Message Network  
TC/A.U. : 2683  
Examiner : K. Ferguson  
Docket No. : HERT3001/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

Confirmation No.: 6301

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2004. The period for response to which has been extended to February 11, 2005, by filing a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks".